

## BIG LINER TAKES RECORD CIVILIAN LOAD TO EUROPE

The France Sails With 2,300  
Passengers, Largest List  
Since War Began.

The French liner France sailed for Havre at noon to-day with the largest crowd of civilian passengers carried to Europe since the war began in 1914. In the first cabin were 250; in the second, 40 and in the third 2,000, the full complement.

Among the latter are 547 Poles, nearly the last of an army of their countrymen who were trained at Camp Niagara, near Toronto, under Ignace Paderewski and other leaders. Major Srdan Glach and twenty-two members of the Serbian Recruiting Commission were among the cabin passengers. In the past thirteen months the commission raised more than 30,000 Serbian born naturalized citizens and others and sent them back to the Jug-Slav Army. In the cabin also were numbers of French officers, privates and civilians, who had been connected with missions in this country.

A large contingent of war workers was on board. Former Commissioner of Charities John A. Kingsbury went away at the head of a delegation of Y. M. C. A. men. He had been in France for a year doing secretarial work and in returning is taking with him John H. Doherty, his former deputy.

Twelve members of the Knights of Columbus, under Walter Smith of Philadelphia, are also on the France, bound over there to do, in the language of Mr. Smith, anything that can be done to make the boys healthy and hearty and happy. Two former fire chiefs, J. E. Loughlin of this city and J. P. Sullivan of New Haven, Conn., were going over to give some American ideas of fighting fire, but when they arrived at the pier they found that their reservations had been sold out.

William H. Hart of No. 88 Julius Street, Hartford, Conn., consulting engineer for Pratt & Whitney Machine Works, in Hartford, is going over to take charge of the company's exhibit at the Lyons Industrial Fair. He has a private mission, too, which he considers more important. His son, Private Louis F. Hart, 101st Machine Gun Battalion, 24th Division, was killed at Chateau-Thierry and buried there. Mr. Hart hopes to find the body and bring it back with him.

## MRS. PARSONS DROPS SUIT; GETS A' MONY AND CHILD

Mount Vernon Woman and Husband Reach Settlement—He May Press Divorce Case.

The separation suit of Mrs. Anna E. Parsons of Mt. Vernon against Gerald Langdon Parsons, son of a New York optician, which was scheduled to come up for trial to-day before Supreme Court Justice Seeger at White Plains, came to a sudden end when Attorney Sydney A. Syme, representing the plaintiff, announced that the couple had agreed to sign a separation agreement.

Frederick P. Close, counsel for Mr. Parsons, arranged for a lump sum to be paid to Mrs. Parsons in lieu of alimony, and she is also given the custody of their four-year-old son, Gerald Langdon Parsons Jr. Mrs. Parsons alleged that her husband had been in a sanitarium at Stamford and that he insisted she live with him there. When she refused he stopped supporting her, she said. Mr. Parsons has started suit for divorce in Connecticut, charging abandonment, and it is understood that he will now push this action.

**Bankers to Consider Liberty Loan.**  
Prominent bankers of this state will meet in Syracuse Thursday, Feb. 27, to consider the rate of interest and the plans upon which the next Liberty Loan should be issued, according to a statement issued to-day by Secretary Paul E. Bonner of the Association of State Banks of the State of New York.

## ANDREW ALEXANDER SIXTH AVENUE CORNER 19TH ST.

Re-pricing of Women's  
Boots at \$5.85 & \$6.85

Small lots formerly sold at substantially higher prices—many types to select from, but sizes missing in each—black leathers predominate.

Misses' and Children's Shoes

of good reliable quality can be secured here at moderate prices. Sturdy black button and lace shoes—\$2.75 for sizes 8½ to 10½, \$3 for sizes 11 to 2.

None C. O. D. on Approval

## Girl Who Eloped From Brooklyn May Be Forgiven by Her Father



SARAH  
ELIZABETH ENDNER.

## HEWITT QUILTS AS DIRECTOR OF FRANK WORK ESTATE

Property Left by His Former Father-in-Law Now Has Value of \$5,065,775.

Pharmaceuticals, William H. Truesdale and Peter Cooper Hewitt, co-executors of the estate of Mr. Hewitt's former father-in-law, Dr. Frank Hewitt, who died in 1911, applied to the Surrogate's Court to-day to accept Mr. Hewitt's resignation.

Although no reason was given for Mr. Hewitt's resignation as co-executor, it is understood that since he had remarried, after his first wife, Lucy Work Hewitt, divorced him, there was no occasion for his continuing in the direction of the estate of his former father-in-law.

## PEACEMAKERS GET HURT.

Barrender Is Shot and Policeman Cut for Interfering.

Gastano Marengo, of No. 66 East 101st Street, who tends bar in the saloon of his brother, Salvatore, at No. 101 East 101st Street, was shot in the thigh this morning when he tried to stop a free-for-all gun fight among his disputatious customers, and Patrolman Froelich of No. 67 East 101st Street was cut in the hand with a broken bottle wielded by one of the royal battlers when the policeman, who was off duty and in civilian clothes, heard the shooting and burst into the midst of the fray.

The peace makers were taken to Harlem Hospital. The combatants all escaped, but detectives are going through the neighborhood aimed with the time-honored "fine-tooth comb."

## Rescued Woman Identified.

A woman was taken to Bellevue Hospital early this morning unconscious after having been saved from drowning in the East River at the foot of East Third Street. When revived, later said she was Mary Carroll, thirty-nine years old, a cook on the barge Richard A. Mainford, lying at the foot of East 25th Street.

## NO BROOKLYN CRIME WAVE, SAYS DETECTIVE CHIEF

Then Adds There Are No Developments in \$12,000 Robbery of Fleet Pay Roll.

"How about the so-called crime wave?" Acting Captain John Coughlin, in charge of the Brooklyn Detective Bureau, was asked to-day.

"You can say for me there is no crime wave," replied the Captain.

He added there were no new developments in the hunt for the bandits who robbed three Emergency Fleet Corporation paymasters of \$12,000 in Brooklyn last week.

Killed by Fall in Albany Hotel.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Seized with an attack of vertigo on the fourth floor of the Stanwick Hotel, Frank J. Flynn of Woodland, Me., fell over the balustrade to the lobby floor and was instantly killed.

## OLD 15th HAPY, BEING MUSTERED OUT OF THE ARMY

New York's Colored "Hell  
Fighters" Expected to Be  
Home to Stay Soon.

Back in Camp Upton to-day, the light-hearted, dark-skinned boys of the 369th Infantry, the old 15th New York, spoke a vociferous gratitude for New York's welcome that began early yesterday and lasted until the last "Hell Fighter" was aboard the train for camp.

And to-day they are being mustered out so as to come home to stay. Most of the preliminaries have already been attended to and it is expected that by the end of the week the glorious heroic page of the 15th's history as the 369th will be closed.

Perhaps the proudest man in all this country is Col. William Hayward, lawyer, former Public Service Commissioner and Republican political leader.

"Some boys, these black babies of mine," he said to-day as he recalled the triumphant march of his regiment from Madison Square to Harlem.

Twilight brought what was perhaps the most dramatic scene of the 15th's homecoming celebration. The 3,000 doughboys were gathered in the 1st Armory at 34th Street and Park Avenue.

Twice their number of friends, mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts had successfully stormed the great armory until at last the police in despair threw a cordon of mounted men across the street and closed the great steel barred gates. Even then the wave of humanity surged against the gates.

Within, the soldiers were at ease. A gray-haired negro wearing the uniform of a veteran had landed in the doorway and welcomed the soldiers. Rising and falling in an ecstasy of emotion, the old man chanted the glory of the old 15th.

"You've paid the price of blood," he cried. "You've bought our freedom. You've earned the freedom Lincoln gave us. We know it. Oh, we know it. We know you'd do it. Almighty God, we know these boys would pay for our freedom."

## HAPPY REUNIONS OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN ARMOY.

So the "Hell Fighters" passed within the armory, where a feast of chicken salad, cream, cake and coffee awaited them. Huge piles of packaged cigarettes were distributed. There were no seats, so the soldiers laid their equipment—guns, steel helmets and canteens on the drill room floor, crouching on their heels or reclining at ease. Beside them were their victors, some of them sitting with arms twined about the necks of their heroes.

With other troops, there always is a little undercurrent of restraint—"There is a Fountain Filled With Blood." "I've Left My Girl Alone"—camp meeting hymns and ragtime and blues, and one audibly sang his story of the Great War.

Then the drum came. The drill hall became a vast cavern. Thousands of lights shone through the half light.

White eyes gleamed in contrast with the dusky skin of the soldier boys and the black heads of the white men.

Some of the groups sang. Crooning melodies, old negro melodies without beginning or end, "Jesus Loves Me," "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," "I've Left My Girl Alone"—camp meeting hymns and ragtime and blues, and one audibly sang his story of the Great War.

Then the jazz band cut in and the singing groups, rising and shuffling, changed the tempo of their songs to the rag of the band.

The lights were turned on. They were powerful, but their best efforts left the great hall still in twilight. But they did reveal one dusky boy snuggled up to the side of her hero.

"The light disturbed them not at all, which was precisely what they wanted, for they were there by courtesy and their interest was of no concern."

Grove Whitely, the Mayor's secretary, tried to tell the 15th how glad New York is to have them back with their battle record. He might as well have tried to stop a tidal wave as to make himself heard above that deep-toned murmur.

**BOXING BOUTS FAIL TO DISTURB REUNITED PEOPLE.**  
A series of boxing bouts was put on. Announcers tried to tell the names of the boxers. Those at the ringside, by training their ears, heard some of the names.

Smoke Kelly, built like the rear of a taxicab, swung his way through three rounds, while his more nimble opponent kept out of the way of the sledgehammer swings that started from the floor and just missed the ceiling. The Jamaica kid and Panama Joe nimbly stepped and walloped.

One aged mammy, white of hair, leaned from the balcony at a perilous angle, urging the fighters impartially: "Gill him! Hit his ear off! Knock him out!"

Beside her a soldier and his sweetheart, arms about and lips to lips, were confirming their plighted word when a shout came from the balcony: "The 15th is back!"

But the best of friends must part. Train time for the 15th soldiers came at last. It took three-quarters of an hour to "break away" and get the civilians out of the armory.

"Hell Fighters" knows the hearts of his soldiers. There was no military snap and dash in the ceremony of parting. Once the civilians were out of the hall, the soldiers were out and in a few moments the head of the column swung out through the great armory doors, the tramp of 3,000 pairs of army boots making a music all its own. Not a man was absent despite the pleas of kin and friends to "come home" for a time without the formality of a leave.

Then it was that one of the black soldiers—they had marched or stood in ranks for hours and colored in or twelve miles since dawn—said regretfully:

"I shure wish they had of put on a dance."

## SEVEN MORE QUIT AS WELCOMERS OF BROOKLYN HEROES

Riegelmann Silent on Prospects for New Committee to Erect Memorial.

If Brooklyn is to have a permanent memorial to the heroes of the war it may have to be arranged by some other organization than the Brooklyn Victory Celebration Committee, whose troubles began when Borough President Riegelmann delivered the committee to William Randolph Hearst.

It was noted to-day that the new Chairman of the Victory Celebration Committee has not yet appointed a sub-committee on permanent memorial to take the place of the committee that resigned in a body as a protest against Hearst domination.

And there are whispers that a new committee on memorial cannot be formed successfully since it would depend for its success on the willingness of the public to give money for the memorial. The public, instead of being willing to give money to the Hearst committee, has been demanding its money back.

Borough President Riegelmann was asked specifically about the prospect for a memorial committee to-day. His answer was the one he has given so often of late: "I have nothing to say."

Resignations continue to pour in, although the stream is diminishing. The first one to-day was that of Dr. Marcus C. Hankinson, No. 301 Schermerhorn Street, who wrote:

"I do not wish to be affiliated in any way with a committee controlled as this seems to be."  
Others who resigned to-day were: F. H. Montgomery and Miss Charlotte Carr, both of the Knox Hat Company; Walter R. Davis and Edwin J. Schermerhorn, who wrote: "I am not a member of the committee."

## FATE OF AUTOS ON SUNDAY RESTS ON MOVIE ACTION

Mayor of Elizabeth Threatens to Halt Trolleys and Machines If Screen Men Are Indicted.

Will Mayor Marvay of Elizabeth, N. J., carry out his threat to halt the operation of trolley cars and automobiles if the Union County Grand Jury brings in indictments against motion picture proprietors for Sunday performances?

Future action by the Mayor will be watched by pastors of thirty churches, owners of picture houses and citizens of Elizabeth.

According to Supreme Court Justice Bergen a performance of a picture show Sunday in New Jersey is in violation of the Crimes and Immorality Act which has been a law for seventy years. This act also forbids wheeling baby carriages on Sunday. Stores and barber shops were forced to close. No newspapers could be published, nor could anything but a prescription be filled on Sunday. Use of any vehicles whatsoever was forbidden for pleasure on Sunday.

Justice Bergen declared this old Blue Law had been amended and modified, but that the performance of Sunday shows is still considered a violation. Throughout the State picture shows have been open on Sunday and it is believed that the action of the authorities of Elizabeth will eventually have a bearing on other cities.

According to Justice Bergen's interpretation of the statute, Sunday picture shows are a violation of the law.

## BOGUS HENRY JOHNSON THRILLS SOUTHERN CITIES

Posing as Hero of 369th, Negro Is Arrested Addressing 12,000 at St. Louis for \$500.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 18.—Posing as Sgt. Henry Johnson, of the 369th Colored Regiment, who is said to have killed or wounded thirty-six Germans single-handed with a bolo knife, a negro gave the name of Albert Parker of Mobile, Ala., was arrested when he appeared at the Coliseum to tell 12,000 negroes his experiences while under fire.

The arrest was made after detectives read a despatch from New York saying Johnson had arrived from overseas.

According to the police, Parker addressed audiences in Montgomery, Ala., Savannah, Ga., Charleston and Raleigh, N. C., and other Southern cities. He was to have received \$500 for his address here.

## VICTIM MAY BE FROM 15TH.

Dead Body of Soldier Found on Railroad Tracks.

The body of a colored soldier, mutilated beyond identification, was found to-day lying in a ditch, near the tracks of the Long Island Railroad one mile east of Woodhaven Avenue Station, by Harry H. Williamson of Main Street, Hempstead, L. I.

The soldier wore overseas leggings and cap, and the police believe he was a member of the 15th Central Postal Directory. He was wearing a watch and a ring, and it is believed the soldier walked to the ditch from a train at about 10 o'clock and lay down, and fell. The next day, it is believed, the body was taken up by the tracks.

**Says Realty Man Kept \$3,000.**  
James Perry of No. 137 West 4th Street, a real estate broker, was held yesterday in \$1,000 on a charge of embezzlement. Dr. Richard C. Coe of No. 75 Lincoln Park asserts Perry kept \$3,000 which Coe had given him to pay stock of an insurance company. Perry was indicted last April. He was arrested last Saturday night.

## K. OF C. SECRETARY USES RIFLE IN FRANCE IN A HAND TO HAND FIGHT



CHARLES  
STEWART  
Charles Stewart Gave Our Boys  
Cigarettes and the Germans  
Bullets.

One Knights of Columbus secretary who served in France carried a gun and fought with the doughboys. He is Charles Stewart of No. 210 West 16th Street, who served with the 82d and 89th Divisions and was gassed and sent home.

In the Argonne forest, Stewart said, he went forward with cigarettes, a diary and paper for the troops, exhausted his supply, and, as the hand to hand fighting caused his life to be endangered, he secured a gun and fought through the engagement.

## FOX TERRIER GAVE CLUE TO WANDERING KIDNIE

Barking Attracts Policeman, Who Finds Ten-Year-Old New York Lad Asleep in Truck in Brooklyn.

Little Wilbert Anderson, aged ten, of No. 216 Second Avenue, Manhattan, climbed aboard an empty grocery wagon last night. His fox terrier, Zip, was with him.

Patrolman Palmer of the 119th Street Station, Brooklyn, was attracted by the barking of the dog at 2 o'clock this morning in the grocery wagon at 120 Avenue and Hayward Street, Brooklyn.

Looking into the wagon the policeman discovered the sleeping child, woke him gently and took him to the station house. There the boy told he had started out for a ride and his dog went with him.

He was sent back to his parents.

## SELECT FRAUD CASE JURY.

Attorneys to Challenge Many in Rosenwasser Trial.

Selection of a jury to try Morris and Leo Rosenwasser of Rosenwasser Bros., shoe manufacturers of Long Island City, and sixteen other defendants, charged with conspiring to defraud the Government, was resumed before Federal Judge Garvin in Brooklyn to-day. When court opened there were twelve tentative jurors in the box, but it appeared likely that not more than two or three of these would survive the ordeal of counsel for the Government and the defense.

An extra panel of veniremen was summoned.

## STANDARDIZE MINING LAWS.

Movement Meets With Favor at International Meeting.

A movement for the standardization of mining laws of the United States and Canada met with strong favor at the session of the American Institute of Mining Engineers held to-day at the United Engineers Building at No. 29 West 34th Street. It was the consensus of opinion that the difference in present laws has acted as a barrier to international cooperation and has led to duplication of effort.

Nearly one hundred members of the Canadian Institute of Mining Engineers were present.

## "FLU" CASES UP AGAIN.

More Pneumonia Victims Also Reported by Health Board.

There was an increase of sixty in the influenza cases reported to the Health Department to-day as compared with yesterday's figures. There were 36 deaths from the disease, three more than yesterday.

Pneumonia cases told 13, a decrease from the previous day. Deaths were reported, an increase of 17.

## Young Man May Be Suffering From Aphasia.

Patrolman Cummings of the West 125th Street Station found a man at 5 o'clock this morning wandering aimlessly at Amsterdam Avenue and 125th Street. He was taken to the police station and later to the Knickerbocker Hospital, where it was said he was suffering from aphasia. The man is apparently twenty-two years old and well dressed, wearing a blue serge suit with pin stripes and a black overcoat, a soft hat and tan shoes. He is 5 feet 10 inches in height and his hair and eyes are dark.

## Stole Maurice Connolly's Cheese.

Charged with stealing a quantity of cheese belonging to Borough President Maurice Connolly of Queens, from post office wagons at Corona, L. I., Ferdinand Bauer, a German employed by the Long Island Railroad at the Grand Avenue Station, Corona, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Hick in Brooklyn to-day and after receiving a \$1,000 bail was held in 11-60 for the Federal Grand Jury.

## Phones Barred to Coast Guard Men.

SAYVILLE, L. I., Feb. 18.—Coast Guards of the Fire Island Beach district are now forbidden to use the station telephones for personal calls. Orders from Washington. Question: Who is going to be the most disappointed? The guards, who find life lonely in the long winter on the gods at the end of Mr. Burleson's talk wires?

## HENRY TOO BUSY TO-DAY TO ATTEND ROTHSTEIN INQUIRY

Inspector to Remain On His  
Job Until Grand Jury Wants  
Him—6 Witnesses Heard.

The Grand Jury adjourned without date to-day, after hearing six more witnesses in its investigation of the shooting of two policemen on Jan. 19 in a raid on a gambling game at No. 301 West 57th Street.

Inspector Dominick Henry of the Fourth Inspection District is one of six witnesses who remain to be examined. Among the five who were heard last Friday were the two policemen who were shot, John McLaughlin and John J. Walsh.

The adjournment, it was said, was due to the trial engagements of Assistant District Attorney Smith, who will be busy in court for several days. Seventeen witnesses have been subpoenaed. The raid which is the subject of inquiry took place at an early hour in the morning, and among those present were Arnold Rothstein and his well known gambler, and Abe Attell, former prizefighter.

Rothstein is said to have called a taxi for the more seriously wounded policeman, escorted him to a hospital and returned with him to West 57th Street. In the West Side Court all were dismissed and the case apparently closed.

A number of policemen from the Fourth Inspection District were present when the inquiry was again taken up. Inspector Henry was not among them.

Henry sent word early to the Assistant District Attorney that because of the pressure of official business he preferred to remain on his job until the Grand Jury wants to see him. He stands ready, he said, to respond to Mr. Smith's call by telephone. The Assistant District Attorney said he could see no objection to this arrangement.

Because of the presence of Arnold Rothstein and his reputed eminence among present day speculators, because of the shooting of the policemen and the net result of the raid when it got around to the West Side Court, the Grand Jury inquiry is looked upon by gamblers, policemen, politicians and reformers as containing all the ingredients of the biggest civic explosion that has taken place thus far in the Hyman administration.

## DANIELS PLANS TRIP ABROAD

To Investigate Merits of Composite Warship.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Secretary of Navy Daniels plans to go abroad this spring or summer, taking with him Admiral Griffin, chief of electric and steam engineering, and Admiral Taylor, chief naval constructor. They will investigate the merits of the so-called composite ship—a cross between the battleship and cruiser. This type is urged by Admirals Sims and Rodman, while the General Board is favorable to continuation of construction of both dreadnoughts and cruisers.

## Wheatworth

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the Infants' size to 6 years.

Complete hand-made Layettes, Bassinets

and Wardrobes trimmed to order.

## PIEZ PROPOSES SALE OF HOG ISLAND SHIPS

American International Corporation  
Offers \$42,000,000 for First  
Twenty-Five Completed.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—Director General Piez of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, has recommended the sale of the first 25 ships to be completed at the Hog Island yards. The American International Corporation has offered \$42,000,000, according to a statement issued by Piez. The matter is now up to Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board.

## State Funeral for Laurier.

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